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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General FAST.

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WE taking into Our most serious Consideration the Continued War, in which, for the Common Safety of Our Realms, and for Disappointing the Boundless Ambition of France, We, with several other Princes and States of Europe, are most justly Engaged, and that upon the Success thereof, the Common Safety and Welfare of Our Kingdoms, and the Liberties of Europe do (under God) wholly depend, Have, out of Our Religious Disposition, Resolved, and by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, do hereby Command, That a General and Publick Fast be Observed throughout this Kingdom, in such manner as is herein after Directed and Prescribed, that so both We and Our People may Humble Our Selves before Almighty God, in Order to obtain Pardon for Our Sins, and may, in most Devout and Solemn manner, send up Our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty, for Imploring the Continuance of His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of Us and Our Allies, and Our and Their Forces, both by Sea and Land, and for Restoring and Perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to Us and Our Kingdoms, and the Nations and States in Alliance with Us. To the end therefore that so Religious an Exercise may be observed at one and the same time, We do hereby Publish and Declare to all Our Loving Subjects, and do strictly Charge and Command, That on Wednesday the Ninth Day of April next, this Fast shall be Religiously Kept and Observed throughout Our Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed. And for the more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing the same, We have given Directions to the Arch-Bishops and Bishops of this Kingdom, to Compose a Form of Prayer suitable to this Occasion, to be Used in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worship, and to take Care for the timely Dispersing thereof through their respective Dioceses. And We do strictly Charge and Command, That the said Publick Fast be Reverently and Decently Performed by all Our Loving Subjects, as they Tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid His Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of such Punishment as We may justly Inflict on all such as shall Contemn or Neglect the Performance of so Religious a Duty.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, the Twenty seventh Day of *February*, 170⅚. In the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Leipsick, Febr. 23. *N. S.* The Queen our Electress went from hence the 21st Instant towards Tergow, where King Augustus is at present. The King of Prussia's Ministers, Count Schlieben and Monsieur Printz, have had Audience of King Stanislaus, and complimented him on his Accession to the Throne. Recruits are raising in these Parts with great Diligence and Application, as well for the King of Sweden's Service, as for that of King Augustus our Elector.

Cologne, Febr. 25. The States of this Electorate are shortly to assemble here, to consider of augmenting their Forces; for which purpose it is believed they will take into their Service some of the Troops of some neighbouring Princes. The Magistrates of this City intend to do the like. It is hoped, that in a Month at farthest, all the Troops of the Circle of Westphalia, which are to assemble in these Parts, will amount to above 12000 Men, and will be ready to march towards the Upper Rhine.

Brussels, Febr. 24. Monsieur d'Auverquerque has lately been indisposed; but his Excellency being now perfectly recover'd, intends very suddenly to go to the Hague; and the Count de Tilly being appointed to command in his Absence, is daily expected here. The Marquis de Westerloe being nominated General of the Horse in these Provinces, has taken-possession of that Employment, and as such has named Officers for two Regiments of Horse, and one of Dragoons, of three Squadrons each, which are forthwith to be raised for the Service of his Catholick Majesty King Charles III. They write from Mons, That the Duke of Bavaria was upon his Departure from thence towards Conde, intending to view the new Lines which the Enemy have lately made along the River Haine. The French use great Diligence in storing the Magazines of their Frontier Towns with Provisions and Ammunition, and putting them into a Posture of Defence.

Liege, Febr. 25. *N. S.* Orders are given for finishing forthwith the new Fortifications of our Castle, and for adding a new Bastion to those of Huy. The Regiments of Albemarle and Superle, which have Wintered here, are ordered to be in a readiness to march. The Regiment of Dragoons of Walef is expected from Tongeren to supply their places. The French are very busie in filling with Ammunition and other Warlike Stores their Magazines at Namur, and in the neighbouring Frontier Towns.

Dublin, Febr. 15. Yesterday arrived an Express from England, with Her Majesty's Letter to the Privy-Council here, for constituting new Lords Justices of this Kingdom, upon the Death of the Lord Cutts; and pursuant thereto, his Grace Narcissus Lord Arch-Bishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland, and the Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Cox Bar. Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, were this Day Sworn at the Council-Board, with the usual Solemnities. Their Excellencies have issued a Proclamation, signifying Her Majesty's Pleasure for the further Proroguing the Parliament of this Kingdom, from the 4th Day of March next, until Tuesday the 13th of May following.

Falmouth, Febr. 24. Yesterday arrived here 5 of our Tin Ships from London, under the Convoy of 4 Men of War, together with 9 outward bound Merchant Ships. At the same time sailed the Good-Hope of Zurickzee, Cornelius Post Master, for Bourdeaux.

Plimouth, Febr. 25. This Day came in here Her Majesty's Ship the Southampton, and under her Convoy about 20 Vessels from Torbay, bound for Wales, 5 or 6 Coasters for this Place, and three Dutch Ships, one of them for Nantz, one for Lisbon, and the other for the West Indies.

Dartmouth, Febr. 25. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the Southampton, with several Colliers from Topsham, sailed from Torbay to the Westward, and were joined by divers Coasters and Colliers from this Port. This Day sailed hence the Swift Sloop of this Place, bound for Ireland, and the Return Brigantine for Wales.

Yarmouth, Febr. 28. This Day passed through our Road to the Southward a Fleet of Coasters, under Convoy of one of Her Majesty's Ships.

Whitehall, Febr. 27. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by Her Letters-Patents under the Great Seal of England, to constitute and appoint Michael Hyde Esq; Commissary and Mustermaster-General of all the Forces in English Pay.

There are Three Mails due from Holland.

His Royal Highness Prince George of Denmark, &c. Lord High Admiral of England, &c. is pleased to direct, That all such Men as do belong to Her Majesty's Ships the Hampshire and Arundel, which are in or about Town, do forthwith repair on board Her Majesty's Ship the Nassau in Portsmouth Harbour, otherwise they will be taken up and punished as Deserters; his Royal Highness having directed the said Men to be removed from the aforesaid Ships the Hampshire and Arundel on board the Nassau, and to be paid the Wages due to them before she sails from Spithead.

Notice is hereby given, That a General Court of The Governors of the Bounty of Queen ANNE, for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy, *will be held at the New Buildings adjoining the Banqueting-House in Whitehall, on Tuesday the 18th Instant, at* 10 *in the Forenoon.*

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